

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-10 and 12-15 are rejected. Claims 11 and 16 are objected to. Claims 17 and 18 are allowed. Claims 1, 6, 10-12, and 15-16 have been amended. Claims 9 and 14 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-18 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Moriconi et al (6,158,010). The examiner states:

Moriconi discloses a security system for a distributed computer network. With regards to claim 1, Moriconi teaches a plurality of heterogeneous computer systems (column 4, lines 7-15) with at least two of the systems including a system specified user identification (column 6, lines 66-67). Moriconi further discloses an enterprise directory service shared by the plurality of computer systems (column 6, lines 4-6 and 15-27) for the formation of an enterprise group (column 6, line 64-66). The enterprise directory server includes at least one enterprise user associated with system specified user identifications (column 7, lines 42-56)...

Applicant respectfully disagrees as to the claims as amended. Moriconi discloses a system and method for maintaining security in a distributed computing environment utilizing a global policy specifying access privileges of the user to securable components. (Col. 4, lines 19-33) As part of this policy, users are granted roles, which are named groups of privileges granted to users or other roles, through which users' access to various components of the system are managed. These roles may be defined as being local to an object. (Col. 7, lines 55-67)

However, Moriconi does not disclose that a first computer system invokes a request to a second computer system utilizing the enterprise user, where the request is then packaged for the enterprise user associated with the first system specified user identification and sends the request to the second computer system, and where the second computer system services the request as if

it was invoked by the second system specified user identification, as recited in amended independent claim 1. Thus, with the present invention, the second computer system need not be aware of the first system specified user identification, but instead services the request as if it was invoked by the second system specified user identification. This is because both the first and second system specified user identifications are associated with the same enterprise user. In Moriconi, the second computer system would need to be aware of the first system specified user identification.

Therefore, Moriconi does not teach or suggest the enterprise directory service, in combination with the other elements, as recited in amended independent claim 1. Claim 1 is thus allowable over Moriconi. Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-5 are allowable because they dependent on allowable base claim 1.

Claims 6-8 and 12-13

Claims 6-8 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriconi in view of Dutcher (6,269,405). The examiner states:

With regards to claims 6 and 12, Moriconi's disclosure teaches a distributed network containing "very heterogeneous environments" (Moriconi, column 4, line 9). Moriconi lacks a specific disclosure to different operating systems being employed on the various computer systems. Dutcher teaches a method of establishing user accounts at a central server. Dutcher's teaches a heterogeneous network composed of multiple operating platforms (Dutcher, column 2, line 63 – column 3, line 6). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to implement Dutcher's multiple operating platform interoperability because it would allow communication's and updates between systems of different platforms without human intervention (Dutcher, column 2, line 66 – column 3, line 6)...

Applicant respectfully disagrees as to the claims as amended. Applicant's arguments concerning Moriconi as applied to claim 1 applies here with equal force. In addition, Dutcher also does not disclose a first computer system invokes a request to a second computer system utilizing the enterprise user, where the request is then packaged for the enterprise user associated

with the first system specified user identification and sends the request to the second computer system, and where the second computer system services the request as if it was invoked by the second system specified user identification, as recited in amended independent claims 6 and 12.

Therefore, Moriconi in view of Dutcher does not teach or suggest the invoking (d) sending (e), and servicing (f) steps or instructions, in combination with the other steps or instructions, as recited in amended independent claims 6 or 12. Claims 6 and 12 are thus allowable over Moriconi in view of Dutcher. Applicant submits that dependent claims 7-8 and 13 are allowable because they dependent on allowable base claims 6 and 12.

Claims 9 and 14

Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriconi and Dutcher as applied to claims 6 and 12 above, and further in view of Bunnell (6,192,405).

Claims 9 and 14 have been canceled. Their rejection is thus moot.

Claims 10 and 15

Claims 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriconi, Dutcher, and Bunnell as applied to claims 9 and 14 above, and further in view of Teper (5,815,665).

Applicant submits that claims 10 and 15 are patentable when read in combination with their respective amended independent claims 6 and 12. Applicant's arguments concerning Moriconi and Dutcher as applied to claims 6 and 12 apply here with equal force. Thus, even if Bunnell and/or Teper teach the limitations as argued by the examiner, Moriconi, Dutcher, Bunnell, and Teper do not teach or suggest the invoking (d) sending (e), and servicing (f) steps or instructions, in combination with the other steps or instructions, as recited in the combination of amended independent claims 6 or 12 with claims 10 or 15.

Claims 17 and 18

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 17 and 18.

Claims 11 and 16

Claims 11 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The examiner states that these claims "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 11 to recite the limitations of claims 6, 9, and 11, and amended claim 16 to recite the limitations of claims 12, 14, and 16. Applicant submits that amended claims 11 and 16 are allowable.

Conclusion

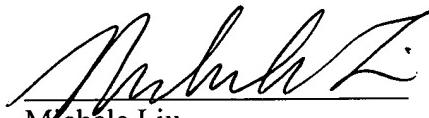
Therefore, for the above identified reasons, the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 16, 17, and 18 is neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. Applicant further submits that claims 2-5, 7-8, 10, 13, and 15 are also allowable because they depend on the above allowable base claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-18 are patentable over the cited references. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and does not appear to be any more relevant than the applied references.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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